

JUNE 2007

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –
JOHN THRASHER**

Honored with Elgin's "Spirit of the Game" award for his dedication, work ethic, and leadership, John had a successful season for the Comet track team competing in the shot put and discus events. The senior captured 2nd in the discus and 8th in the shot put in both the MOAC and the Division II boys District track meets. His discus throw of 139'7" at the District qualified him for the Regional meet where he placed 9th.



**ELGIN –
REBECCA GAMBY**

Awarded 1st Team All Ohio, MOAC Softball Player of the Year, 1st Team Central District and 1st Team MOAC, Rebecca had an outstanding spring for the Lady Comet softball team. At or near the top of nearly every offensive category in the MOAC, her 11 homeruns was just one shy of the state record. The junior carried a batting average of .492, a slugging percentage of 1.286, and she batted in 23 runs. Rebecca is a great defensive catcher, as well.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
STEVE VANCE**

A versatile player, Steve played three positions for the Irish baseball team. Those included shortstop, pitcher, and catcher. The senior also carried a .455 batting average with 7 singles and 3 doubles. A good athlete and great student, Steve's coach indicated he was a pleasure to work with. Steve will continue his athletic and academic career at the University of Findlay where he will be a member of their baseball team.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
HILLARY MUELLER**

An outstanding leader and hard worker, Hillary has come back from ankle surgery this past winter to become a member of the Lady Irish track team this spring. Running the 110-meter hurdles, Hillary had 3 2nd-place and 4 3rd-place finishes. Participating in the long jump, she garnered 2 2nd-place finishes, 3 4th-place finishes, and 1 5th-place finish.



**MARION HARDING –
BRYSON FAGGS**

An integral part of the President's track program, Bryson was the leading point winner for the team placing 1st in the shot put in each event until the regional finals. On the season, Bryson was Greater Buckeye Conference shot put champion; as well as the conference's Most Valuable Athlete for field events. He was also Division I Northwest District champion in the shot, Regional runner-up, and received All-Ohio honors for placing 6th at the State track meet.



**MARION HARDING –
SARAH WOODRUM**

Sarah was overall MVP for the President's track team scoring close to 300 points this track season. Running the 400- and 800-meter races, and anchoring the 800-, 1600-, and 3200-meter relays, Sarah set several meet and school records. The sophomore was All-Conference in the 800 and 1600 relays, 2nd Team in the 400, and Honorable Mention for the 3200 relay. Sarah also went to the State meet running the 400 where she placed 12th.



**PLEASANT–
JOHN KUZIO**

John was the most consistent player for the Spartan baseball team both on the field and at the plate. At shortstop, John had 91 field chances with 53 assists and only 2 errors for a .976 fielding percentage. At the plate, he collected 27 hits including 4 doubles and 4 homeruns for a .333 batting average and a .531 slugging percentage. John also led the team with 21 base on balls for an on-base percentage of .486. He only struck out once on the season.



**PLEASANT –
ERIKA FOSTER**

A quiet leader who guides by example, Erika had an outstanding season for the Lady Spartan softball team where she led in multiple categories including runs scored (19), singles (30), hits (30), total bases (3), and stolen bases (7). Erika had an on-base percentage of .552, a slugging percentage of .469 and a batting average of .469. She also was an outstanding outfielder with a field average of .947. Erika was selected 1st Team All MOAC, and 1st Team All District.



**RIDGEDALE –
WES MEADOWS**

Wes led the Rocket baseball team in almost every offensive and pitching category. At bat, he led in runs scored (29), RBIs (26), home runs (3), doubles (13), extra base hits (16), batting average (.450), on-base (.532%), and slugging (.750%). Pitching, Wes led in games, innings pitched, strike outs, wins, saves, and ERA. Named 1st Team MOAC and 1st Team All Central District, Wes is a scholar athlete who ranks 2nd in his sophomore class with a 3.98 GPA.



**RIDGEDALE –
LIZ ROWLAND**

Senior Liz was an integral part of the Lady Rocket softball team. She carried a batting average of .319, and on-base average of .385, with a slugging percentage of .623. Liz' offensive stats included 5 doubles, 2 triples, 4 home runs, 19 runs batted in, and 7 base on balls. Defensively, Liz had a field percentage of .889. Pitching, she carried an 3.73 Earned Run Average in 99-1/3 innings pitched.



**RIVER VALLEY –
ZACH LATHROP**

Only a sophomore, Zach emerged this year as one of the Viking track team's best distance runners. Scoring a team-best 278 points, Zach ran the 400-, 800- and 1600-meter races, as well as the 1600- and 3200-meter relay events. He won the 400 at the county meet, and set a new meet record in the 800 at the MOAC meet. In the districts, Zach qualified for the Regionals in 3 events. There he earned the right to compete at State in the 800 where he placed 6th and set a school record.



**RIVER VALLEY –
JESSICA PRICE**

Jessica's best performance for the Lady Viking track team came at the Central District meet where she won both the shot put and discus titles. The senior had gone through the season consistently placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in those two events. Jessica also had success as part of the 400-meter relay team which won the Marion County and MOAC meets, and placed 4th at Districts.



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